### Mark Your Calendars for the Second Thursday of the Month

November 9, 2006

December 14, 2006

January 11, 2007

February 8, 2007

March 8, 2007

April 12, 2007

May 10, 2007

June 14, 2007

July 12, 2007

August 9, 2007

September 13, 2007

October 11, 2007

November 8, 2007

December 13, 2007



**Time**: 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Place: Idaho Elks Rehabilitation

Hospital

Sawtooth Room, 4th Floor

600 Robbins Road Boise, Idaho 83702

#### For more information:

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rthritis has been diagnosed in approximately 25% or 1 in 4 Idaho adults. There are nearly 70 million Americans with arthritis and joint symptoms. Help is available for people with long-term or chronic illnesses.

hronic illnesses are with us our whole lifetime. There is no cure for arthritis but there are ways to manage the arthritis symptoms. Education and support groups can provide an environment where a person can learn new ways of dealing with their illness.

ake that first step to better understand arthritis and it will help you cope with the changes in your daily life.

n participating in this education and support group, you will take one of the best steps to make living with arthritis easier.

Opportunities will be available to share your approaches and learn from others.

o other environment like an education and support group can provide you with the opportunity to learn new ways to deal with your illness. Join the arthritis education and support group.

# **Arthritis Education and Support Group**

Boise, Idaho



#### Learn more about:

- Arthritis
- Treatments
- Daily Living Skills
- Activities Needed for Improving Everyday Life



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REHABILITATION SERVICES

#### **Some Meeting Topics**

- Massage & Bodywork
- Legislation & Funding
- Warm Water Exercises
- AFEC (Arthritis Foundation Exercise Course)
- Gardening with Arthritis
- Depression and Arthritis
- Pain Management
- Relaxation Techniques
- Self Motivation
- Available Resources





#### **How Can I Make My Life Better?**

One great way is to join our Arthritis Education and Support Group!

When you take action to understand and deal with the effects of arthritis, you will learn to better manage stress, thereby helping yourself to maintain a more positive, physical, emotional and spiritual outlook on life.



## What Others Have Said About Support Groups

You meet other people with similar concerns and, as a result, understand more about yourself and life's challenges.

You gain an "extended family."

You will help alleviate that feeling of isolation, just by leaving the house.

You will be with others who truly understand how you feel; you will realize you are not alone.